

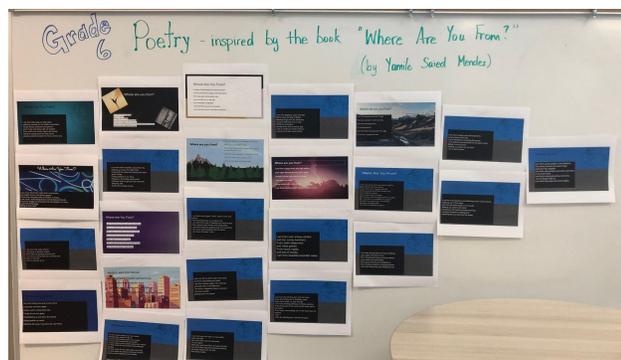
# Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

The Week Ahead ~ June 17 to June 24

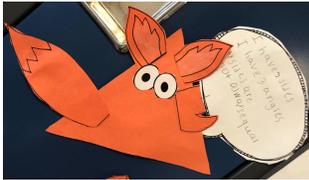
## Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Monday, June 20		<b>Grade 6 Math Provincial Achievement Test Part B</b>
Tuesday, June 21		<b>National Indigenous Peoples Day</b>
Wednesday, June 22		<b>Kindergarten &amp; Grade 1 Zoo Field Trip</b>
Wednesday, June 22		<b>Grade 6 Science Provincial Achievement Test</b>
Thursday, June 23		<b>Grade 6 Social Studies Provincial Achievement Test</b>
Thursday, June 23		<b>Grade 8 Pioneer Camp Alberta Field Trip</b>
Friday, June 24		<b>All outstanding school fees due</b>
Friday, June 24		<b>Grade 2 Heritage Park Field Trip</b>
Friday, June 24		<b>Last Day of Kindergarten</b>
Friday, June 24		<b>Grade 8 Farewell</b>
Monday, June 27		<b>Grades 5 - 8 Calaway Park Field Trip</b>
Tuesday, June 28		<b>Report Cards Available for Viewing Online</b>
Tuesday, June 28		<b>Last Day of Classes (1-8)</b>



## Next Year

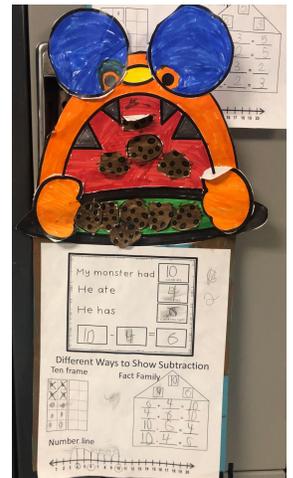
Date	Time	Event
Monday, August 29		<b>Class Lists Added to PowerSchool (i.e. your child's teacher(s) will be visible)</b>
Thursday, September 1		<b>Staggered Entry Day 1 (details provided in August)</b>
Friday, September 2		<b>Staggered Entry Day 2 (details provided in August)</b>
Monday, September 5		<b>Labour Day (no classes)</b>
Tuesday, September 6		<b>First full day of classes, all students</b>
Friday, September 8	4:00-6:00	<b>Fireside Open House, Meet the Teacher &amp; BBQ</b>



Hello, families and friends of Fireside. The countdown is on! We're down to just 7 more school days before summer vacation begins. The energy in the building (and on the playground) is steadily increasing as the end of the school year comes closer. Some of our enthusiasm this week was tempered by wet weather and cooler temperatures. There were apparently a few mud puddles that attacked some of our kids this past week. In anticipation of potentially "unavoidable and totally accidental" mud puddle encounters (and additional wet weather), please consider whether your child might be susceptible to a mud puddle incident and thus may need an extra set of clothes in their backpack next week.

Our girls and boys volleyball teams dusted off their knee pads on Friday to take on the staff. There were definitely some close matches and a few solid rallies, but, in the end, the staff scored a point or two more than the kids (and silenced quite a bit of "chirping" about how they'd be mopping the floor with the teachers). No one lost, however, because we all had a lot of fun. The 8's will definitely be looking to put their skills to the test in a few months when they have the chance to try out for their high school teams in the fall.

And speaking of the grade 8's, on Friday, we'll be wishing them well in the next chapter of their educational journey, as most of them get ready to move over to the other side of the highway and Bow Valley High next year. On Friday, we'll have a farewell assembly at 12:15. Parents who wish to be a part of this are welcome to attend and can come into the school starting at 12:00.



Last, please consider stopping by to look through the lost & found before the end of the year. All items will be donated or discarded once the doors have closed for summer.

## **[NEW: Reminders & Information from the RVS Transportation Department](#)**

### **Early-Registration Discount**

Submit your registration application with payment before June 24, 2022 to receive \$40.00 off the first two students in a family and \$20.00 off additional siblings thereafter (*not-applicable for non-resident students*).

Please visit the Fees & Waivers {[https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/registration/fees\\_waivers](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/registration/fees_waivers)} section of our website for more information on transportation fees.

### **2022-2023 School Bus Registration Deadline**

Registration for next year's school bus service is still ongoing, with regular fees applied after June 24. To guarantee service for the first day of school your application must be received before August 15, 2022. Registrations received after this deadline may experience delays of 2-3 weeks.

Please visit our website {[https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/busing\\_transportation](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/busing_transportation)} for step-by-step instructions on how to access and complete your re-enrollment/registration forms.

### **Reminder: Electronic Bus Passes are Permanent**

Remember to hang on to your bus passes for next year's school bus service as you will not automatically be issued a new one in the fall. If you have lost your bus pass or it is no longer in working order, please make sure to order a replacement before August 15, 2022 to ensure it arrives in time for the first day of school. Replacements can be purchased online through the School Engage portal or in person at our service counter located in the RVS Education Center.

### **Summer Hours**

The Transportation Department is open through the summer to assist you with school bus registrations and replacement bus passes however our hours will be slightly reduced for July and August. Our service counter will be open from 8:00am – 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. We will be closed on regularly scheduled statutory holidays.

## **[NEW: Mrs. Humphry's Kinders](#)**



Mrs. Humphry's Kindergarten classes went to the forest to make Story Sticks. Once they had chosen their stick, they chose the colours of yarns that were meaningful or important, happy colours for them with which to twine around it and decorate it. With additional forest materials they collected, it became a lasting memory of their story this year in Kindergarten and a reminder of all of the amazing memories they've had in the forest space learning, becoming a community, and growing their knowledge of the natural world at Fireside School this school year.



## **REMINDER: Report Cards & Reading Level Reporting**

Report cards will be available for viewing in PowerSchool on June 28th. Teachers will be including information on current reading levels for students in their report card comments. These reading levels were assessed and reported on in January and have been reassessed again at year's end. Please note: the current reading level information being shared pertains exclusively to students' ability to read and comprehend text. It does not constitute a final grade for any class or disciplinary area. English Language Arts reporting is separate.

## **REMINDER: Outstanding School Fees**

It has been a fun and busy school year for our students! There have been many field trips, sports teams, and special activities to participate in. Many of these activities have fees associated with them. We ask all parents/guardians to please log into [SchoolCash Online](#) to make sure that all fees assigned to your children's accounts have been paid.

**All fees are due in full by June 24, 2022.** Fees that remain outstanding after this date may be forwarded to RVS's Finance Department to begin collection procedures without further notice.

Grade 7/8 Optional Course Fees may be waived for families who are receiving the Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit (base year 2020). Please contact the school office for the application form as soon as possible as the deadline is June 30, 2022.

## **REMINDER: FREE Summer Mental Health and Wellness Programs**

The MHCB, Stepping Stones to Mental Health team has developed a summer filled with brain development, mindfulness, connection, and most of all fun!

### **Online**

#### **MindUP Online (Grade 3-5)**

For grades 3-5. Learn about mindfulness and how it can calm your child's brain when worried and help them focus. We'll talk about the importance of kindness and gratitude and how these actions will build resilience, all through fun and engaging online activities!

Dates: July 6 – August 3

Times: Wednesdays 8:30 – 9:30am

Location: Online

Registration: <https://register.rockyview.ab.ca/admin/register.cfm?sesID=5275>

## **Cochrane**

### **Children**

- **Grow in Nature (Age 6-12)**

A 5 week in-person program where children will engage in nature-based mindfulness activities and games. Children will have the opportunity to learn more about the benefits nature has on our minds and bodies, all while having fun outdoors! It's open to children aged 6-12. The topics over the 5 weeks will include: mindful sensing, kindness & gratitude, mindful movement, optimism, and positive affirmations

Dates: July 26 – August 23

Times: Tuesdays 2:00-4:00pm

Location: Cochrane – Riverfront Park

**Registration:** <https://register.rockyview.ab.ca/admin/register.cfm?sesID=5289>

## Youth

- **Be Body Positive (Cochrane) (Ages 12-16)**

A five-week group where people ages 12-16 will have a safe space to explore body positivity, ideas around beauty, health, and self-confidence without comparison or judgement. The group will explore understanding health, practicing intuitive self-care, cultivating self-love, declaring authentic beauty, and building community.

Dates: July 27 – August 24

Times: Wednesdays 12:00-2:00pm

Location: Cochrane Public Library (TBC)

**Registration:** Coming soon through the Cochrane Public Library

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\* Kids Help Phone: 1.800.668.6868

\* ConnecTeen: 403.264.8336

\* Airdrie Urgent Care: 403.912.8500

\* AHS Mental Health Helpline: 1.877.303.2642

\* National Indian Residential School Crisis Line (24hrs/day): 1.866.925.4419

\*Togetherall: <http://togetherall.com/en-ca/>